

***Effective March 24, 2004.***

*Adopted amendments to the Introduction of Section 4.1 on page 4.1-1 of the Basin Plan. Additions are underlined and deletions are in strikethrough font.*

## **4.1 WASTE DISCHARGE PROHIBITIONS**

Waste discharge prohibitions that apply to the entire Lahontan Region are discussed first in this section. Waste discharge prohibitions that apply to parts of the Lahontan Region are listed below by hydrologic units (HUs) or hydrologic areas (HAs) from north to south. Some of the watershed-specific prohibitions are more stringent than the regionwide prohibitions.

Exemptions to regionwide, and hydrologic unit and hydrologic area prohibitions may be granted as specified in this chapter and Chapter 5 for the Lake Tahoe Hydrologic Unit. Most exemptions are based on a finding by the Regional Board, or Executive Officer if so delegated, that the discharge will not result in exceeding the water quality objectives or unreasonably affect the water for its beneficial uses. The Regional Board will base this determination on an analysis of the criteria contained in State Board Resolution 68-16, the Statement of Policy with Respect to Maintaining High Quality Waters in California.

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*Adopted amendments to the Mojave Hydrologic Unit Prohibitions Nos. 1, 2 and 4 in Section 4.1 on pages 4.1-9 and 4.1-10 of the Basin Plan. Additions are underlined and deletions are in strikethrough font.*

### ***Mojave Hydrologic Unit***

(Figure 4.1-23 and 4.1-24)

1. The discharge of waste to surface water in the Mojave Hydrologic Unit that is tributary to the West Fork Mojave River or Deep Creek, above elevation 3,200 feet (approximate elevation of Mojave Forks Dam), is prohibited. This prohibition does not apply to stormwater discharges unless such discharges create a condition of pollution or nuisance. (Figure 4.1-23)

An exemption to this prohibition may be granted by the Regional Board whenever the Regional Board finds ~~(based on evidence presented by the proposed discharger)~~ that the discharge of waste will not, individually or collectively, directly or indirectly, ~~adversely affect water quality or beneficial uses~~ result in exceeding the water quality objectives or unreasonably affect the water for its beneficial uses.

2. The discharge of waste to land or water within the following areas is prohibited (Figure 4.1-23):
  - (a) The Silverwood Lake watershed
  - (b) The Deep Creek watershed above elevation 3,200 feet
  - (c) The Grass Valley Creek watershed above elevation 3,200 feet.

This prohibition does not apply to stormwater discharges unless such discharges create a condition of pollution or nuisance.

An exemption to this prohibition may be granted by the Regional Board whenever the Regional Board finds ~~(based on evidence presented by the proposed discharger)~~ that ~~a solid waste disposal site operated in accordance with an approved solid waste disposal plan~~ the discharge of waste will not, individually or collectively, directly or indirectly, adversely affect water quality or beneficial uses result in exceeding the water quality objectives or unreasonably affect the water for its beneficial uses.

4. The discharge of wastes of sewage-bearing origin to surface waters in the Mojave Hydrologic Unit ~~River~~ upstream of the Lower Narrows at Victorville is prohibited. (Figure 4.1-24)

An exemption to this prohibition may be granted by the Regional Board whenever the Regional Board finds ~~(based on evidence presented by the proposed discharger)~~ that ~~the discharge of waste is not directly to surface water, and~~ will not, individually or collectively, directly or indirectly, ~~adversely affect water quality or beneficial uses~~ result in exceeding the water quality objectives or unreasonably affect the water for its beneficial uses.